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A call to action

By Barry Fishman, editor

On a cold, overcast late April day, I watched an elderly woman slowly make her way to her seat near the steps of Parliament Hill and gaze up at the Peace Tower.

She, along with the prime minister, opposition leaders, parliamentarians and ambassadors, was there to attend the Canadian Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony.

The night before, at the SJCC, I watched a survivor, with three generations of family in tow, light a candle for the six million who perished in the Shoah.

I am in awe of those people. Amazed at their resilience.

Despite what has happened to them, they continue to believe in the possibility of a better world, to make a new life for themselves, to go on, to raise families and to contribute. And to always remember those who perished in the Shoah.

It was one such survivor, Albert Rudolph, whose life greatly affected Richard Marceau, former Bloc MP for Charlesbourg-Jacques Cartier. So much so, that when Rudolph died, Marceau decided it was time for the Canadian people to have an official Holocaust Memorial Day.

When he introduced Bill C-459 in the House of Commons on Tuesday, April 23, 2003, with the unanimous support of all parties, he said, "One of my best friends, Howard Rudolph, lost his father Albert not too long ago, unfortunately. Albert Rudolph was a



Richard Marceau
(Photo: Robert Weitzmann)

Holocaust survivor. Tattooed on his skin was an indelible mark of this dark period in human history. His skin bore the mark of a regime that tried to kill him and wiped out his family and friends and his village, just because he was born a Jew.

"Albert Rudolph's death made me realize that, unfortunately, time is rushing on and that there are not too many survivors left. Hence the numbers of direct witnesses of this dark period are gradually declining.

"It is, therefore, important for society as a whole and for government to take these witnesses' pain and ensure that everyone, especially young people, knows what happened at that time."

When Dr. Joel Dimitry, event chair of the Canadian Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony on Parliament Hill, spoke the night

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Hundreds attend the Canadian Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration on Parliament Hill.
(Photo: Robert Weitzmann)

Remembering the past to change the future

By Diane Koven

As Canadian Jews paused to remember the evils of the Holocaust and to vow that it must never happen again, our leaders reminded us that we must continue to be on guard against such evil for all mankind around the world, and not just for ourselves.

Speaking at Ottawa's community Yom Hashoah commemoration on April 24, Bernie Farber, CEO of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), announced that green ribbons had been provided by CJC to members of the House of Com-

mons and the legislatures of British Columbia and Ontario to wear on Holocaust Memorial Day to raise consciousness about the suffering in Darfur.

"Today, in the Darfur region of Sudan, we face what many believe is the genocide of the 21st century. As Jews, descendants of a people who know all too well the horrors of such brutality, we must be in the forefront against those who commit these evil acts," he said.

The theme of "Remembering the past in order to change the future" was reflected in the evening's pro-

gram, organized by the Shoah committee and held at the Solaay Jewish Community Centre. The opening Marching on of the Colours by a dwindling group of the Ottawa Post Jewish War Veterans served as a reminder that those with first-hand memory of the Holocaust would soon be gone and it is incumbent upon us all to pass on the message of remembrance to future generations.

Six candles were lit to commemorate the past, the present and the future. Chazzan Moshe Kraus

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Remembrance and vigilance: guards against evil

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lit the first candle representing the European Jewish communities. The second candle was lit by Holocaust survivor Pepi Guiot-Zuckerbrodt and her family to represent the act of remembering and surviving. Students from Ottawa Jewish schools lit the third candle to signify the passing on of our heritage. The fourth candle, symbolizing building alliances with government and

other communities, was lit by Richard Marceau, the sponsor of Bill C-459, the Holocaust Memorial Day Act, and Annie Elliot, who works tirelessly in support of Israel and the Jewish people. Candle number five, lit by Rabbi Ely Braut and student Miriam Farber, represented education to change the future. Israeli Ambassador Alan Baker lit the sixth candle, representing building Israel to change the future.

In his keynote address, Farber reflected sadly that anti-Semitism has not died.

"Anti-Semitism requires only that Jews exist for evil to spawn its growth," he said, noting that just the week before, swastikas had been painted on the home of a Jewish family in Ottawa. He urged us all to remain vigilant.

"How do we remain vigilant?" he asked. "The answer lies in education."

The same theme was echoed the following afternoon as hundreds gathered on Parliament Hill for the public Canadian Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony.

There, too, the Ottawa Jewish War Veterans marched on and off the Colours and a number of our community members participated by laying wreaths at the eternal flame in memory of those lost in the Holocaust. The Rt. Hon. Herb Gray acted as master of ceremonies and several members of our local clergy participated in leading prayers, the singing of *Hatikvah*, and the blowing of the Shofar.

Richard Marceau urged Canadians to push our government to "do the right thing internationally."

He said, "It is, however, one thing to remember. It is another to take the lessons from the Shoah and apply them today. Unfortunately, anti-Semitism, which I



Rubin Friedman (right) helps survivor Pepi Guiot-Zuckerbrodt and family light a memorial candle.

(Photo: Robert Weitzmann)

would have thought had died in the crematoriums, is still very much alive."

In his Dvar Torah, Rabbi Reuven Bulka said, "Remembrance meant and continues to mean that we are vigilant and pro-active when we see evil attempting to rear its head ... we remember that,

under any and all circumstances, we fight for what is right, but we fight rightly and we remain a people of dignity..."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper urged people to learn the lessons of the past, to never just stand by and

ignore signs of trouble, for "it is only in our vigilance and in our actions that we will honour those who died in places like Auschwitz and Dachau," he said.

The opposition leaders offered similar words of hope and commitment to being vigilant and fighting intolerance. Members of Parliament and the Senate from all political parties attended the ceremony and participated in laying wreaths of remembrance.

Madame Justice Rosalie Abella of the Supreme Court of Canada delivered the

keynote address, movingly recalling her own family's experience as survivors of the Holocaust. Her voice breaking, she recounted her parents' story of living through the horrors and their physical and emotional journey to rebuild their lives.

"Of her parents, and the other survivors who were fortunate enough to come to Canada, she concluded, "None of them will ever forget how lucky they were to be able to come to Canada, but neither will they forget why they came. Neither should we."

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Corrections

The *Bulletin* received erroneous information. The Emunah Women of Ottawa annual Mother-in-Israel celebration will take place on Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 pm at Beth Shalom West Synagogue, 15 Chartwell Avenue. The event will honour community leader, philanthropist and passionate Zionist Barbara Crook and will feature Ethiopian Jewry advocate Riki Muller.

Tickets are \$18 for members and \$20 for

non-members. For more information and reservations contact Rivka Kraus (241-5613).

The April 24, 2006 announcement from Congregation Machzikei Hadas extending their deepest condolences to Rabbi Reuven Bulka and family should have read: "On the passing of his beloved mother."

The *Bulletin* apologizes for the error.

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Spector calls for constructive engagement with Hamas

By Ariel Vered

Former Ambassador of Canada to Israel Norman Spector's keynote address at the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University's 4th annual Passover lunch possessed the enigmatic title of *Canada and Hamas: Should We or Shouldn't We?*

The Arab-Israeli conflict is at a crucial juncture, with the newly elected Hamas majority government complicating the path towards peace.

The immediate response of the international community, initiated by Canada's newly elected Prime Minister Stephen Harper, was to withhold aid to the Palestinian government because, as Spector noted, "we modu-

late our relations with various countries depending on the degree to which our values and interests converge with the values and interests of those countries."

Hamas' engagement in and support for terrorism, coupled with its refusal to recognize Israel as a legitimate state, led many countries to refuse to hold talks with the new Palestinian government.

Spector gave Harper credit for his politically astute move. "I can't remember the last time a Canadian government showed that kind of leadership in foreign policy, after which the European Union and the Americans followed in our footsteps," said Spector.

Rather than closing the lines of communication, Spector endorsed constructive engagement with Hamas as a crucial approach that should not be dismissed.

While the prime minister's firm and immediate response to the Hamas victo-

ry has short-term benefits, Spector maintained that it could not persist as our foreign policy regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Spector argued that it is becoming increasingly important to find a way to lower the temperature on the Arab-Israeli conflict, which cannot be achieved by outrightly refusing contact with the new government.

"We cannot foreclose any possible avenue to trying to resolve this conflict," insisted Spector. "As good as it sounds and as good as it might feel to say we've cut off all contact with them, in diplomacy, I don't think that's the way to go."

Spector's speech came one day after a suicide bombing that killed nine people and wounded more than 60 others, the deadliest Palestinian attack in nearly two years. While Islamic Jihad carried out the attack, the Hamas government endorsed the attack as a legitimate act against Israeli aggression.

"There is not an under-

standing in Palestinian society that Israel has a legitimate right to exist. There is not that understanding and that's why there is support for terrorism," Spector said.

He suggested that the most effective means of influencing Hamas lies not in ceasing all communication, but in demonstrating to Hamas the pressures and responsibilities of becoming an accepted member of the international community.

"If we are seen to be the cause of their downfall, that strengthens them," he said.

"We should be pressuring them, helping them fail ... If they fail, at least we will have just been helping them fail, as opposed to bringing them down."

Spector encapsulated the conflict and the hope for resolution as such: "The war we're really in is an ideological war, it's a war of ideas. And that, fundamentally, is what has to be changed, if there is really to be an enduring peace."



Norman Spector at the CFHU Passover Luncheon

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PA on verge of bankruptcy, civil war a real possibility

By Khaled Abu Toameh

Asked to sum up the achievements of his cabinet one month after entering office, embattled Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh said he was confident the Hamas cabinet would successfully complete its four-year term in office.

"We're always optimistic," he said. "Our optimism stems from our belief and determination that we must continue the process until the liberation of our lands."

Haniyeh's optimism, however, does not seem to be shared by a growing number of Palestinians, who believe they are now closer than ever to civil war and bankruptcy.

Boycotted by the international community, Haniyeh's cabinet is still struggling to raise funds to pay salaries to more than 140,000 PA civil servants. They have not been paid for March and many of them say they can't even afford to travel to work.

Hamas has thus far failed to raise enough funds in the Arab and Islamic world. True, its leaders have been promised tens of millions of dollars by Iran, Libya and a few Arab countries, but the money still has not been transferred to Ramallah and the Gaza Strip. A drive by Hamas to collect donations from Arabs and Muslims has also failed because of the failure of Arab banks to operate.

Even if the promised money does arrive, Hamas officials note, it would hardly cover the amount required to pay March's salaries.

In addition to the financial crisis, the Hamas cabinet is also facing a political and diplomatic boycott by most of the world.

Foreign Minister Mahmoud Zahar, who has just wrapped up a tour of a number of Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Libya, is about to return home with a suitcase full of promises and little cash.

The challenges facing the cabinet from home appear to be worse. Some cabinet min-

isters living in the West Bank are forced to use public transportation to get to work in Ramallah. Unlike their Fatah predecessors, the Hamas ministers are not equipped with Israeli-issued VIP passes enabling them to drive through IDF checkpoints without delay.

One minister was forced last week to walk through wadis and hills to avoid IDF checkpoints. His journey from Nablus to Ramallah lasted more than seven hours.

In the month that it has

been in power, the cabinet has not been able to meet in its entirety around one table. More than half of the ministers live in the West Bank, while the rest, including Haniyeh, live in the Gaza Strip. Many Palestinians are jokingly referring to the Hamas cabinet as the "video-conference government," as that is how it conducts its weekly meetings.

Hamas officials are openly accusing PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas and his senior aides of conspiring with the US and Israel to bring down the Hamas cabinet. The allegations have resulted in increased tensions between Hamas and Abbas's Fatah, with both sides spreading rumours about the other.

While Fatah leaders have accused Hamas of hypocrisy and incompetence, Hamas spokesmen say they are the victims of a US-led conspiracy to oust their democratically elected government. Leaflets distributed by Hamas-affiliated groups in the Gaza Strip have specifically implicated Fatah operatives Muhammad Dahlau and Samir Mashharawi.

The crisis has been aggravated by Abbas's decision to cut the powers of the Hamas cabinet, making it almost impossible for each minister to hire a private secretary or deputy.

Some of the Hamas ministers have also complained that their predecessors literally stole everything from the ministries, including teaspoons, fax machines and couches.

Hamas's decision, on the other hand, to establish its own security force in the Gaza Strip has worried Abbas and his aides.

Although Abbas has vetoed the decision by Interior Minister Said Siam, the force, which consists mostly of Hamas militiamen, has already begun operating as another police force. Members of the new force are believed to have shot and seriously wounded a PA policeman who dared to block Haniyeh's motorcade in Gaza City earlier last month.

Some Arab and Muslim countries, which have been acting as mediators between Hamas and Fatah, are exerting heavy pressure on both sides to establish a national unity cabinet. Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Qatar are said to have persuaded the two sides to seriously consider this possibility.

Fatah and Hamas leaders are scheduled to meet in the Gaza Strip in mid-May for crisis talks aimed at forming a joint government. Until then, the two parties are likely to continue hanging their dirty laundry in public through street leaflets and Web sites.

In response to claims that thieves had stolen a suitcase with \$450,000 in cash from Zahar's hotel room in Kuwait, Hamas officials said they had discovered that all the workers in Abbas's office had received their salaries for March, while the rest of the civil servants were being forced to take loans from banks and friends.

The Arab League recently sent an emergency aid payment of \$150,000 to the Hamas-led government, saying the money was desperately needed for medical care.

League Secretary-General Amr Moussa said the funds were dispatched after the Arab bloc was repeatedly approached by the PA health minister, who said medical care had seriously deteriorated.

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Ensuring a Jewish future purpose of symposium

As chair of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, I am often presented with difficult questions about the direction our community should take.

What is the appropriate balance in an organization between religion and culture? How do we welcome intermarried couples while discouraging intermarriage? Is North American Jewry destined to disappear?

For some, the answers to these and other questions about our future are easy to answer. Jews in Ottawa, like elsewhere, have strong opinions and are not afraid to speak their minds. But the difficulty I have is determining what the right answer is for our community.

When the Federation expresses its opinion on the best path, it needs to be the right answer for the community as a whole.

We have conducted a number of studies and attempted to develop appropriate plans to meet our challenges. But we have not been able to answer the bigger question on how to ensure a Jewish future in Ottawa.

We have not built a community consensus on what that future should look like. We may have at one point had such a consensus, but our community has more than dou-



Federation Report

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Chair

bled in size in the past 30 years. We are a larger and more complex Jewish community today and we need to broaden the debate to help us answer all the tough questions together.

The Federation has decided to hold a symposium on November 5 and 6, 2006 as the culmination of our effort to involve the community in setting our future direction. We want to engage a collection of leaders and interested individuals to focus on how to build an ideal Jewish community in the future and the steps we need to take today to meet that goal.

We plan to bring in world-class Jewish experts both to assist in our deliberations at the symposium and to facilitate the community discussion leading up to it. In short, we plan to broaden the debate and help those

involved be more informed when they come to the table.

One of the resources we are looking at in preparing for the community symposium is the book *American Judaism: A History* by Jonathan Sarna. In it he writes, "With so many questions and tensions confronting them, it comes as no surprise that as they approach their 350th anniversary on [North] American soil, Jews feel bewildered and uncertain. Should they focus on quality to enhance Judaism or focus on quantity to increase the number of Jews? Embrace intermarriage as an opportunity for outreach or condemn it as a disaster for offspring? Build religious bridges or fortify religious boundaries? Strengthen religious authority or promote religious autonomy? Harmonize Judaism with contemporary culture or uphold Jewish tradition against contemporary culture?" Compromise for the sake of Jewish unity or stand firm for cherished Jewish principles?

"Simultaneously, indeed, Jews witnessed two contradictory trends operating in their community, assimilation and revitalization. Which will predominate and what the future holds nobody knows. That will be deter-

mined day by day, community by community, Jew by Jew. Regularly, [North] American Jews hear ... that Judaism in [North] America is doomed, that assimilation and intermarriage are inevitable ... But history, as we have seen also suggests another possibility: that today, as often before, [North] American Jews will find creative ways to maintain and revitalize [North] American Judaism. With the help of visionary leaders, committed followers, and generous philanthropists, it may still be possible for the current "vanishing" generation of Jews to be succeeded by another "vanishing" generation, and then still another."

The Federation will try to engage the community in a deeper discussion about the future. We welcome all voices to engage in the debate and we start with the assumption that there is hope for a bright future. For those not participating in the symposium, we will have our guest experts address a community wide event.

The costs of the symposium are being entirely underwritten by generous donors who believe that this effort is important. I hope that the community will share that view and join the discussion.

Stop and take the time to enjoy our success

It is no secret in our little Shtetel that I am one of the teachers involved in the Melton mini-university courses offered at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

In one of our recent classes, the topic for study and discussion was the political emancipation of the Jews in Western Europe. In this particular session, the class was asked to read the questions posed by Napoleon to the members of Napoleon's Sanhedrin in 1806.

The questions in 1806 were asked for the first time: "Can a Jew marry a non-Jew?", "In the eyes of Jews, are Frenchmen considered as brethren or as strangers?", "Are Jews bound by the laws of France or the laws of Torah, when it comes to civil behaviour?"

After a lengthy conversation, one of the participants remarked that the "Opening of the Ghetto walls also opened the gates of Hell."

While I am not convinced that the gates of Hell have been opened, I am sure that 200 years ago our ancestors were unable to foresee that their questions would still be our questions.

In 2006, we are no strangers to the consequences of political emancipation. We, as a Jewish community and as individual Jews, wrestle with the problems of modernity each and every day. There are numerous answers to these questions; however, none of them have stemmed the headlong rush toward total assimilation into the general society.

Regardless of our religious practices, dedication to communal affiliation, com-



From the pulpit

Rabbi
Steven Garten
Temple Israel

mittment to Jewish study or love of Israel, the majority of the next generation is finding little reason to maintain serious connections to their heritage and their people.

This could be a very depressing reality if we allow ourselves to focus only on the negative.

It is far too difficult to change the path of a rushing river. However, the path that a rushing river cuts allows for the water that comes behind to flow smoothly. Perhaps it is time for us to stop beating our breasts over what could have been and praise ourselves for what is. Perhaps the questions of the Sanhedrin are not really our questions.

We have more women studying Torah than any previous generation. We have women rabbis, cantors and both men and women teaching Torah to our children in Jewish day schools. We have more college-age students majoring in Jewish studies than any previous generation. We have more children and adults visiting Israel than in any previous generation. We have more individuals speaking Hebrew and reading Hebrew books than in any previous generation.

We have created a world for ourselves where Jews can practise their beliefs and

serve in democratically elected governments, sit on supreme courts, speak in corridors of decision-making and never once be ashamed of their faith and their heritage.

No one could do that in 1806.

I am writing this thought piece as I prepare for my journey to Jerusalem with the 2006 Ottawa Federation mission. There, I will join with millions of Israelis and thousands of participants from the March of the Living to celebrate the continued survival of the Jewish people.

No one in 1806 would have predicted that reality. No one in 1906 would have suggested that reality.

Rabbi Tarfon is reputed to have said,

"The day is long, the task is great. We may not complete the task, but we should always pursue its completion."

Wise words from a wise rabbi.

However, nowhere does it say that along the path we cannot stop and enjoy our success. On Yom Ha'atzmaut, when I am standing on the streets of Jerusalem, I will not be thinking about what might have been. I'll be thanking God for what is.

Perhaps, if we all spent more time offering thanks for the accomplishments of our Jewish communities and less time focusing on our never-ending tasks, our celebrations would be joyous beyond our wildest imaginations.



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Action: Will Canada lead the way?

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before at the local Ottawa ceremony, he thanked Marceau.

Something out of the ordinary happened. On this most somber occasion, everyone began to clap.

It was well deserved.

If pressed, Marceau will admit it is nice to be recognized by his new community, yet he remains a modest man and is quick to point out that the passing of the bill was a "collective endeavour" among all political parties. He is especially pleased that different Jewish communities across Canada and the Yad Vashem commemoration team on Parliament Hill "have taken possession of the bill and made it something that could have [just] stayed in the legal books and is now a living event, which is what we wanted it to be."

Remembering and honouring those who perished in the Shoah are of utmost importance. Yet, perhaps, the best way to honour their memory is to make sure 'never again' becomes more than an empty slogan.

According to Marceau, Bill C-459 is a call for action, that society not be silent wherever atrocities and genocide happen.

"We have failed this test many times, Rwanda, of course, being one example ... As Jews, having been victims of the



Editor

Barry Fishman

Shoah, I think we have a prime responsibility to be at the forefront of that call to action. Hillel tells us, 'And if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now – when?' Jews cannot only react when Jews are the victims, but when other groups are as well."

As we spoke, Marceau was proudly wearing a green ribbon for Darfur.

"I think that is an amazing idea that the Canadian Jewish Congress had. To push for actions when there is genocide-type activities going on in Darfur."

The Canadian Jewish Congress campaign is designed to make legislators throughout Canada and the general public aware of the genocide in Darfur and get them to act more aggressively in stopping it.

On Yom HaShoah, members of the provincial legislatures in British Columbia and Ontario and MPs and Senators in Ottawa wore the ribbon.

During his keynote address at the Yom

HaShoah community commemoration, Bernie Farber, CEO of the Canadian Jewish Congress, noted, "Today, I am glad that our silence has been replaced by action. This week, thanks to the foresight and benevolence of CJC member Walter Arbib, Congress will facilitate the transportation and distribution of over \$500,000 in pharmaceuticals, provided by Mr. Arbib and sent through his Skylink company to Darfur.

"Tonight, I wear a green ribbon. I wear it in solidarity with the people of Darfur. I wear it as a son of a Holocaust survivor who knows and understands ..."

After the Shoah, the world community declared, 'never again.' Never again would we allow the slaughter of the innocent, or allow our government to turn a blind eye to atrocities, or to declare it wasn't in our geopolitical interests to intervene either with financial or military help.

And yet, the world stood by in Cambodia, the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda and watched with disinterest as 'never again,' turned into 'once again.'

It doesn't have to be that way in Darfur.

After the UN debacle in Rwanda, Canada, Denmark and the Netherlands took the lead in developing the UN Multi-national Standby High-Readiness Brigade

(SHIRBRIG). So far, 15 countries have agreed to participate and provide the UN with 5,000 to 6,000 well-equipped combat-ready troops to be used for UN operations. It is believed that SHIRBRIG planners have already developed contingency plans for Darfur.

So what should Canada do?

How about taking some moral leadership and pushing members of the UN to act before it is too late?

If, because of our commitments in Afghanistan, Canada cannot join with other countries to send troops, we should, at the very least, offer more financial and military resources to the African Union troops who are already in Darfur.

As individuals, we can join together to pressure the government to act before it is too late.

Mr. Prime Minister, during your speech at the Yom HaShoah commemoration on Parliament Hill, you told us the best way to honour those who perished in the Holocaust is by being vigilant and acting when confronted by anti-Semitism, racism and genocide.

Never again, you said.

My fervent hope is that next year, when you speak, you will be able to proudly tell us that Canada led the way in stopping the genocide in Darfur.

You can pick the ending you like best



Alan Echenberg

Once upon a time, there was an NDP premier named Bob ...

Once upon another time, there was a Progressive Conservative MP named Scott ...

There was also, another time, a fabled NHL goaltender named Ken ...

Also, a Canadian professor named Mike who lived far, far away for a long, long time ...

And they, along with six, or seven, or was it 67 other rivals, mostly from the enchanted city of Toronto, challenged each other in a great contest that lasted many, many months.

To the victor would go the crown of the Liberal Party – a party that once ruled over the Land of Canada, and would soon rule again. Of this, the rivals were certain.

In fact, for more than 100 years, every single person who attained the crown and led the Liberal Party also had the opportunity to rule over all of the Land.

Even John Turner.

Laurier – the leader at the beginning of the 20th Century – begat King and King begat St-Laurent, who begat Pearson, who begat Trudeau. And Trudeau ... well, he didn't begat Turner exactly, but Turner was the next in line. And Turner really didn't begat Chrétien. And when Chrétien gave way to Martin, it was less about begat and more about begone.

But they all led the Liberals and they all ruled over the Land.

And so ...

Where were we again?

That's right: Bob and Scott and Ken and Mike and their fellow rivals ... all 10, or 20, or was it 120 of them, threw themselves into the contest.

It lasted eight, or nine, or was it 89 months.

The rivals put aside the power struggles of the past. They brought fresh ideas to the table that engaged and united their party and inspired the citizenry. The party members watched with joy as their poll numbers climbed, secure in the knowledge that Liberals would once again rule and all would be well.

And they all lived happily ever after.

Or maybe not. Sometimes you don't get the fairy tale ending you want.

For, as the Liberal rivals engaged each other in their great, long contest, something peculiar and noteworthy transpired in the magical castle that sits atop Parliament Hill.

Harper the Conservative ruled over the Land. Smart and crafty was he.

Young in age, if not in disposition. And just a little bit cold-blooded, perhaps. Determined to slay the Liberal Party's claim on power.

In this quest, he was joined by two unlikely allies: Layton of the NDP and even the secessionist Duceppe from around the Bloc.

When all parties assembled in the great Parliamentary meeting hall, a curious thing happened. Instead of aiming their political cannons at the ruling party, Layton's and Duceppe's bands fired away at the Liberals.

Harper the Conservative treated the NDP and the Bloc with respect and kid gloves, while indulging every opportunity to attack the Liberals as if they were still the ruling party. At the same time, he made inroads into the duchies of Ontario and Quebec and even Atlantic Canada – realms the Liberals had always thought of as their own.

And even as the 75, or 99, or was it 759 leadership rivals contested the Liberal crown, the party – with no leader or funds

or inspiring ideas to win over the citizenry – sunk further and further in the polls.

As the long, divisive leadership contest dragged on, it became apparent that the rivals were either too new or too insignificant to boldly lead the party into the future.

Party members longed for one of their reluctant, battle-hardened elders – McKenna, Manley, Rock, Tobin – to step forward, but none did.

When it was time for another electoral competition across the Land, the once-mighty Liberals had been marginalized. The other parties divided up the Liberal realms and picked away at the party's many exposed flanks.

When the dust settled, Liberals were left bloodied and weakened. The party began a slow, inevitable drift into political obscurity.

And they all lived happily ever after.

The ending you pick depends, of course, on where you sit on the enchanted political spectrum. Is there a moral to either version of this bedtime story? Sure, there is: Fairy tales can come true.

Alan Echenberg is the Parliament Hill bureau chief for Studio 2, TVOntario's nightly current affairs program.

Say 'yes' on the census

By Donna Dinberg

The Government of Canada will enumerate all residents of Canada on May 16, 2006. As with past censuses, every household in Canada will receive a census form on which to provide information about the residents living there.

The census will contain a question (number 53 on the long form, number 8 on the short form) asking for your consent for release in 92 years of the information you provide.

It was deemed that every resident must provide informed consent on whether their own information could be made accessible in 92 years. After the 2011 census, the government is to review the inclusion of the consent question; but, without amendment to the law, the question will continue to appear in all future censuses.

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Ottawa wants you to vote 'yes.'

For Jewish communities in Canada, three reasons

stand out for retaining access to census information.

The first reason is to provide clues to genetically inherited diseases or disabilities. We are better able to trace genetic lines with the detailed information on our ancestors the census can provide. Without being able to trace family lines, families at risk cannot be identified, informed and potentially helped, now and in the future.

The second is for genealogical research. Jews, perhaps more than any other community worldwide, have developed a thriving genealogical community.

With the advent of the Internet, and with the opening and indexing of previously inaccessible archives, particularly in Eastern Europe, Jews are now avidly tracing their families. (Interested? See <http://www.jewishgen.org> and join the Ottawa Jewish Genealogy Society of Ottawa!)

The third reason is that, for our community, tracing families means recognizing and memorializing family

members who perished in the Holocaust. Additionally and joyously, this has also contributed to reuniting family members lost to each other through the disruptions of war.

Many times, these miraculous reunions are a direct result of census data being available so that genealogical tracing could be done and family links could be established, now and in the future.

Ninety-two years is a long time from now, and many of us will no longer be around. Our descendants, however, may still wish to trace family lines for medical, genealogical or memorial reasons. Just because we are no longer here does not mean the need for census data will stop.

Ensure your place in the history of Canada and the history of our Jewish community. On Census Day May 16, 2006, answer "yes" to allow your information to be made available to your descendants in 2098. Ask everyone you know to do so as well.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Jewish Federation of Ottawa
will hold its 72nd Annual General Meeting
on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 at 7:00 pm
in the Social Hall

of the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building.

The entire Jewish community of Ottawa is invited to attend.

Section 17.1.B of the by-laws that "At least thirty (30) days before the annual general meeting, the board of directors shall send the Nominating Committee report to each Full Member and invite each Full Member to provide the President and Chief Executive Officer, at least fourteen (14) days before the annual meeting, the name of any additional candidate which he/she wishes to nominate, together with a letter of support from five (5) other Full Members of the Corporation and a statement by the candidate of interest and qualifications."

The Board of Directors proposes the following individuals be elected to serve a term of two (2) years as members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa:

Ian Sherman
Donna Dolansky

The other members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

(Serving until June 2007)
Ron Pritchard CChair
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Please address any questions to Mitchell Bellman at 798-4696, ext. 224
or at mbellman@jewishottawa.com.

(Serving until June 2008)
Rona Shaffran-Tannenbaum
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The Chair also appointed the following two individuals to serve as members at large of the Board of Directors:

Robert Greenberg
Kathi Kovacs

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Making Magic - One Tree After Another

In 1968, a year after the Six Day War, American Robert, (Bob) Levin sat by the window of an Arkia plane on its way to Eilat. "I still remember how the plane reeked of cigarette smoke, which was normal in those days," he says. "I was looking out the window, down at the arid desert and suddenly I saw a large island of green stretching out of the entire yellow wilderness.

"What is that?" I asked the guy sitting beside me. But he just shrugged his shoulders and didn't answer. When I got back to Jerusalem, to my sister's, she suggested I go to the KKL-JNF office to ask. So I went there and was very warmly received by a young man. He figured out, according to the plane's route, it was the Yatir Forest.

"A forest? Yatir? How did a forest get there?" I asked with amazement.

"One tree after another," the staffer responded. "One tree after another." Ever since then, I've been totally involved in KKL-JNF activities, because of the magic they create."

JNF Forests Busy During Pesach

Over the Pesach vacation, tens of thousands of Israelis visited KKL-JNF parks, sites and forests from the Galilee to the Negev.

Treasure Hunt Israeli Style

The latest TV craze "Treasure Hunt" was aired throughout Israel recently to about a million viewers in prime time, showing the parks and sites of KKL-JNF in the full bloom of spring, with clues about the Blue Box, the Israeli landscape, the parks, forests, Zionism, Independence and the Bible.

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On a daily basis you can plant trees for all occasions. An attractive card is sent to the recipient. To order, call the JNF office (798-2411).

Lisa Cogan,
president

Michael Wex to deliver 16th annual Imre Y. Rosenberg Memorial Lecture

By Enoch Padolsky

Language is a living thing, linguists tell us, and the study of any language can provide fascinating insights into the people who use it and the culture and history that surround it.

Why in the English language do farmers raise "cows," "calves" and "sheep" (all old Anglo-Saxon terms), but when English-speakers sit down at the table to eat, they are served "beef," "veal" and "mutton" (all French terms)?

The answer lies in the history of the English language, the impact of the Norman Invasion of England in 1066 and the social and cultural relationships that developed in its aftermath.

Who would have thought that something so long ago is still embedded in the English we speak today?

For Michael Wex of Toronto, however, such insights would come as no

surprise and, to our joy and benefit, he has applied this kind of cultural study to the Yiddish language.

Wex's credentials are impressive. Novelist, playwright, lecturer, translator, performer and authority on language and literature, Wex has been called "a Yiddish national treasure." He has translated Yiddish classics into English and a whole range of English texts (from the songs of Bob Dylan to *The Threepenny Opera*) into Yiddish.

His latest book is called *Born to Kvetch, A Study of Yiddish Language and Culture in All Its Moods*.

The chapter headings alone reveal how many aspects of Jewish life Wex finds enclosed within the Yiddish language.

Among other things, he deals with the origins of Yiddish, its religious roots, Jewish folklore, curses, food, nature, the stages of Jewish life from birth, bar mitzvah, courtship and marriage, and yes, even death. Of special interest, no doubt (and most popular on the lecture circuit), has been his chapter on "Sex in Yiddish," which he naughtily subtitled "Too good for the Goym" and which he takes on tour as a one-man show.

The last point makes clear that Wex's passion for Yiddish has not led him down a dry and dusty path.

Along with his erudition, Wex's theatrical background and wry sense of humour have made him an exceptionally entertaining lecturer and even a first-rate stand-up comic (as I found out a few years ago when he was master of ceremonies at the Klez Canada music camp).



Michael Wex

The annual lecture series was initiated by Dr. Truda Rosenberg, the widow of the late Imre Y. Rosenberg, as a means of commemorating his life and work.

Dr. Imre Rosenberg's professional and personal life was centred on very specific guiding principles. It is intended that this lecture series reflect these principles: each lecture must carry a Jewish theme, with emphasis on education, Jewish spirituality, integrity, humanism, justice and human rights, equity and nationhood.

Michael Wex's work clearly reflects these ideals.

His lecture on *Born to Kvetch: Strange Yiddish Expressions and How They Got That Way*, takes place on Sunday evening, June 25, 7:30 pm, at Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive.

Discussion and refreshments to follow. Admission is free.

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OTC to celebrate arrival of new Torah from Israel

The Ottawa Torah Center Chabad (OTC) is getting a new Torah scroll from Israel. The scroll will be the centrepiece of the growing Jewish centre and congregation in Barrhaven.

The entire community was invited to "Join us in Writing History" campaign because it is a mitzvah to have a part in the writing of a Torah at least once during your lifetime.

A noted scribe was commissioned in Israel to write this Torah scroll to be donated in the memory of Rabbi Menachem Blum's beloved uncle Yosef Yitzchak Lewin Z"l who unexpectedly passed away in Israel at the age of 54 two years ago.

"He was a pious yet humble man who's warm and refined personality touched all those who knew him," says Rabbi Blum. "His sincerity, hospitality and good heart is something that we will remember forever.

"I am honoured that my parents who began this project have chosen our community to house this new Torah, the latest link in a holy, unbroken eternal chain."

A grand community celebration is planned for Sunday, May 28, 2006 when this new scroll arrives in Ottawa.

At 5:30 pm, the community will meet in a tent set up on the site where the future



OTC's Rabbi Menachem Blum (centre) welcomes the arrival of a Torah in 2001. The centre's newest Torah scroll arrives from Israel Sunday, May 28 and all are invited to join in the festivities beginning at 5:30 pm.

(OJB file photo)

home of OTC will be built at the corner of Kennevale Drive and Lamplighters Drive in Barrhaven (one block west of Cedarview Road),

The scribe will fill in the last letters in the Torah, a special buffet dinner will be served and participants, adults and children alike, will enjoy a festive program.

According to Jewish tradition, once a new Torah scroll is complete, the community parades with it under a chupah (nuptial canopy) and goes into a synagogue for *Hakafot* Ceremonies, singing and rejoicing with the Torah.

This new Torah will be

taken in a parade under the chupah with torches and music to OTC's current location at 3023 Cedarview Road, where *Hakafot* Ceremonies will take place.

"The welcoming of a new Torah is a once-in-a-lifetime experience and should not be missed," says Rabbi Blum.

The festivities are free and open to the whole community, adults and children alike, regardless of background or affiliation.

For more information or to participate and get your part in the writing of this new Torah please call Rabbi Blum (823-0866) or visit www.OttawaTorahCenter.com.

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Lag Baomer celebration at Soloway JCC, May 16

By Rabbi Chaim Mendelsohn

Chabad of Centrepointe and the Soloway JCC are sponsoring the Lag Baomer Festival of Unity.

All three of Ottawa's Jewish day schools, Cheder Rambam School, Hillel Academy and Torah Academy will participate.

The festival will feature giant carnival rides, carnival challenge games, animal rides, a petting zoo, clowns and much more. The program will include performances from some of Canada's top entertainers, including the Circus Delights team of three magicians and illusionists, the Cow Guys who do juggling, stilt walking, fire eat-



ing and more and the feature presentation, a group of eight acrobats and tumblers from Montreal.

There will also be a barbecue with hot dogs, hamburgers, steak sandwiches and cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones and much more.

Lag Baomer is a historically festive day on the Jewish calendar celebrated with outings, bonfires and other joyous events.

The day commemorates the cessation of a tragic plague that occurred in the weeks between Passover and

Shavuot, wiping out 24,000 disciples of the great Talmudic sage Rabbi Akiva, "because they did not act respectfully to one another."

The dying ceased on Lag Baomer. Therefore, on this day, it is appropriate to unite and emphasize unconditional

love and respect of one's fellow, wherever they may be.

Lag Baomer also marks the passing of the great sage and mystic Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, who is attributed as the author of the *Zohar*, the foundational book of Kabbalah. On the day of his passing,

Rabbi Shimon instructed his disciples to mark the date as the "day of my joy."

Each Lag Baomer, we celebrate Rabbi Shimon's life, the first man to reveal to the world Kabbalah, the esoteric soul of Torah, which continues to this day to be an inspiration to the Jewish people.

The event takes place Tuesday, May 16, from 4:00 until 8:00 pm, outdoors near the SJCC, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private. At 5:45, there will be a ceremony with dignitaries and community leaders. In case of rain, the event will be held in the SJCC.

For more information contact Chabad of Centrepoin (594-4900 or www.chabadcentrepoin.com).



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Dutch Embassy organizes lecture on the 'Jewish' Rembrandt, May 18

By Ariel Vered

2006 marks the 400th anniversary of the birth of the world-famous 17th century Dutch painter Rembrandt van Rijn.

To commemorate this occasion, the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Ottawa has organized a series of lectures entitled *The 'Jewish' Rembrandt* on the question of Rembrandt as a Jewish painter.

The National Gallery of Canada will host the Ottawa engagement on Thursday, May 18, 7:30-9:00 pm. Lectures will also be held in Montreal and Toronto.

Edward van Voolen, curator of the Jewish Historical Museum in Amsterdam, will lecture on the stories and myths that have grown up around Rembrandt and his Jewish connections. An exhibition, also entitled *The 'Jewish' Rembrandt*, is planned for fall 2006 at the Jewish Historical Museum



Moses shattering the tables of the Law, Rembrandt, 1659, oil on canvas. Gemäldegalerie, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Inv. nr. 811.

(Photo: Jorg P. Anders)

in Amsterdam to mark Rembrandt's anniversary.

Dutch Ambassador Karel de Beer remarks, "Rembrandt's work can be seen as a mirror of the Dutch cul-

ture, society and values of the so-called Golden Age in the Netherlands. Arts and commerce flourished, and no minor contribution to that was made by the immi-

grants who came to The Netherlands."

Rembrandt has come to be regarded as a Jewish painter for a variety of reasons. He lived and worked in the heart of Amsterdam's Jewish district, painted many biblical scenes, incorporated inscriptions in Hebrew and did portraits that are identified as Jewish subjects.

"Try googling 'Rembrandt' and 'Jews' on the Internet and you'll get over 136,000 hits," explains Anna Rijk of the Royal Netherlands Embassy, who organized the lecture series after learning of the Amsterdam exhibition.

"Recently published books on this topic, such as *Rembrandt's Jews*, by Steven Nadler, or Michael Zell's *Reframing Rembrandt*, soon became bestsellers. Then there are famous paintings such as *The Jewish Bride* in

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Ottawa residents Dr. Raoul and Sandi Korngold were married in Beth El Synagogue.
(Photo: Ely Bollegraaf)

120 gather to bid farewell to Cornwall synagogue

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

Farrand Miller, who is a decade older than I, says he thinks there was a time when Cornwall was a bustling community of 105 Jewish families. He's probably right.

I remember Cornwall in the '50s as a warm, wonderful, close-knit community of 65 Jewish families. But, as my generation and those that followed grew up, they left, never to return.

Today, a handful of Jewish people remain in the city; not nearly enough to sustain Congregation Beth El which, for the 81 years since 1925, was the pride of the Jewish Community and the centre of Jewish life in Cornwall. On April 2, 2006, when the doors of Beth El Synagogue closed forever, an era came to an end.

For the past several years, the small, beautiful synagogue at 321 Amelia Street was 'the little engine that could,' kept afloat by the Herculean efforts of the dozen or so remaining Jewish residents. But, shortly after the High Holy Days last October, this dedicated core reluctantly acknowledged that to continue would be in vain.

The aged building needed a massive overhaul requiring tremendous financial input and there were no longer sufficient worshippers to warrant incurring the expense.

In November, 2005, after

much soul searching, they listed the building for sale. The buyer takes possession on May 1, 2006 and will build a new home on the site.

But, how do you say goodbye to a synagogue? Cornwall's Congregation Beth El met this difficult challenge with great dignity and they got it just right.

"We were heartbroken," says Joyce Miller who, with her husband Farrand, has been a mainstay of the dwindled Cornwall community. "This was a very emotional decision. We knew we should have some closure from this closure and we felt that others would want it, too."

And so the call went out and, on a day that, mercifully, dawned bright and beautiful, 120 former congregants came from far and near to gather in our little synagogue for the last time.

Among the several Ottawans in attendance were Cornwall native Sandi (Lermon) Korngold and her husband Dr. Raoul Korngold, who were married in Beth El Synagogue on November 8, 1970. The chuppah was sent ahead from Congregation Machzikei Hadass (Sandi picked it up at the bus station) and Rabbi Bulka travelled from Ottawa to officiate.

Longtime Cornwall resident Marcus Goldhamer acted as Master of Ceremonies. In his opening

remarks, he set the tone for the afternoon.

"We are very sorry this day has come," he said, "but we are here to celebrate the era of Beth El in Cornwall."

Farrand Miller, who has lived in Cornwall all his life, traced the history of the city's Jewish Community, which began in 1858 when the Alexander Vineberg family settled in the area. The early settlers and those who followed soon after carried on business as general merchants. The only transportation to Montreal was by steamboat or by horse and these people went to Montreal for the High Holy Days.

When the community had grown to 10 families, a shochet, Rabbi Rosenfield, was engaged to tend to spiritual needs and teach. Shabbat services were held in his home. In 1897, a plot of ground was purchased for a cemetery at the cost of \$117 under the name of the Baron de Hirsch Congregation of Cornwall. In 1925, the synagogue was erected and the congregation changed its name to Beth El.

They were a small group by big city standards, but the Cornwall Jewish community made up in action what they lacked in size. In her reminiscences, Joyce Miller focused on the accomplishments of women in the community.

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Beth El's 81-year era comes to an end

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"I came to Cornwall [from Montreal] as a young bride of 20 years old, and had no idea what life in Cornwall would be like," she said. "Little did I realize the busy life that was ahead of me. I soon discovered that, regardless of age, the community worked together."

"My mother was worried what a young Jewish girl was going to do," she said, smiling at the recollection. "She visited at different times and I would take her to the various meetings. She was always amazed that Jewish life in Cornwall could be busier than in Montreal."

Congregation Beth El has entrusted to Agudath Israel Cogregation its Torah scrolls, Aron Kodesh, memorial plaques and other artifacts. Accepting on behalf of the Ottawa congregation, its President Elizabeth Petigorsky said, "Agudath Israel is honoured to become the new home of the treasures of the Cornwall congregation and welcomes the congregants of this synagogue at our services and programs."

Before overseeing the symbolic dismantling of the shul, Rabbi Arnold Fine addressed the congregation. "This institution is more than a building," the rabbi emeritus of Agudath Israel Synagogue said. "It's a whole act of love here and you made a decision this was where your

Jewish heart was going to be.

"You've raised five generations here," he said. "You can say how proud you are because of this. What you have done here will live on in your children, grandchildren, and, please God, your great-grandchildren. And when the Torah scrolls come to Ottawa, they, and all that they teach, will continue their blessing, their values, and will continue to have an impact on people who are growing up today. And the legacy will remain vital."

Immediately following Mincha services, which were led by Agudath Israel's Bernie Rosenblatt, Rabbi Fine ordered the removal of the mezzuzahs from the synagogue's doors, signifying that the congregation would be moving from the facility. Many a quiet tear was shed during this act and the symbolic removal that followed of the Sifrei Torah from the Aron Kodesh.

"This indicates the end of the use of this building as a synagogue," Rabbi Fine pronounced.

Marcus Goldhamer ended the program thus: "We did Beth El proud, we think – and Beth El was the focus of all our efforts," he said. "Never shall we forget this lovely shul. It's cosy, it's small, it has leaky roofs, it certainly has leaky basements, but it has been home for a good number of years to a good

number of people."

Yes, it has. And then, for one last time, the walls of 321 Amelia Street in Cornwall resounded with the singing of *Hatikvah*.

Ronen Gil-Or, deputy head of mission, Embassy of Israel, and Eric Vernon, national director of government relations, brought greetings from the Embassy of Israel and Canadian Jewish Congress, respectively.

An undisputed highlight of the two-hour closing cere-

mony were two exquisite musical interludes performed by Cornwall-born Toronto pianist, arranger/conductor Bramb Goldhamer, with his colleagues soprano Ramona Carmelly and violinist Jan Szot. The afternoon concluded with a catered supper in the shul hall.

The complete text of Far- rand and Joyce Miller's remarks can be found in the Ottawa Jewish Archives, which are housed in the Greenberg Family Library.



Congregation Beth El, Cornwall (Photo: Eily Bollegraaf)

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Benlolo School Bar and Bat Mitzvah students along with members of the Canadian Diabetes Association during an information session in April.

Canadian Diabetes Association Mitzvah Project reaches out

Ask any of Cantor Benlolo's Bar/Bat Mitzvah students what a mitzvah consists of and they will tell you all about the *Mitzvah Project* they are involved in.

Students of the Benlolo School, in cooperation with the Canadian Diabetes Association, will be reaching out into the Jewish community and the community at large to help educate children 6 - 9 years of age about

the prevention of type 2 diabetes.

In early April, students of the Benlolo Bar and Bat Mitzvah School attended an information session and learned about diabetes and tips on how to live a healthy active life.

For more information and volunteering opportunities about the *Mitzvah Project* please contact, Cantor Daniel Benlolo (789-5508).

Royal Netherlands Embassy and National Gallery of Canada present:

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Lecture by: Dr. Edward van Voolen, curator of the Jewish Historical Museum in Amsterdam

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A reception, reading and book signing will take place in the foyer in front of the main auditorium. Light refreshments will be served and admission is free.

Sharon Abron Drache is the author of three books of adult fiction and two children books, including the critically acclaimed *The Magic Pot*, a picture book for children ages 6 and up set in downtown Toronto's annex in the 1950s.

She has contributed book review and arts features to national and local newspapers.

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SJCC Hockey Champs



JCC Men's Hockey League finishes with Team Fitness Depot on top

Team Fitness Depot captured the gold at the SJCC Men's Hockey League Championship Tournament held at the Bell Sensplex. Ted Granofsky's veteran team, which had a mediocre regular season, rose to the occasion come tournament time and walked away with all the hardware, shocking Mo Osterer's Team Blue by winning the final game 5 - 1. Congratulations to all 60 players who participated in this year's league. For more information on any other SJCC athletic and league programs contact Jon Braun, manager (798-9818, ext. 267).

Searching for the Afikomen on Easter Monday

By Jackie Luffman

This year, two holidays overlapped with Jewish ones.

Christmas Day and the Easter break always pose a challenge for finding Jewish-related activities for our kids. They are all out of school/daycare, and looking for things to do.

The Early-Childhood Education Committee at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre thought Christmas Day and Easter Monday provided a prime opportunity to organize an activity for young ones.

Doing something "Jewish" on statutory holidays allows the committee to attract unaffiliated and disconnected Jewish households to the SJCC when they otherwise might not attend traditional programming. It also provides an opportunity for both parents to enjoy a fun morning of activities together as a family.

On both Erev Chanukah and the fifth day of Pesach, over 25 families came out to the classrooms of the Ganon Preschool looking for something fun and exciting to do.

Karen Taylor, mom of two young girls, noted, "I thought it was a great idea. It gave

all the Jewish kids something fun to do on Christmas, and I liked that there were songs and fun crafts."

On both occasions, the entire preschool area was bustling with children playing, laughing and singing.

Jenny Shinder, mom of three, teacher and chair of the newly formed Early Childhood Education committee, volunteered to lead the kids in circle-time activities. From a Chanukah treasure hunt to a Pesach puppet show, fun was had by all.

"I look forward to sharing my time with the children of our community in many more wonderful events such as these," says Shinder.

"The SJCC Early-Childhood Education Committee has its wheels in motion as we work toward developing more new and exciting programs that will bring families with young children together. After all, our children should have every opportunity to play together, learn together and grow up together at the SJCC."

If you are interested in learning more or getting involved in early-childhood programming at the SJCC, contact us via e-mail (SJCECE@yahoo.ca).



Children learn about Passover at the Soloway JCC.

Lianne Laing to emcee Temple Israel Auction, May 30

By Louise Rachlis

If you're in the mood to redecorate your bedroom, you've got to head to the Temple Israel Champagne Auction.

Among the hundreds of great items and services for auction May 30 are more than \$8,000 worth of linens, duvet covers, pillows, comforters and more, donated by the many generous suppliers of Beddington's.

"We really appreciate the tireless efforts of committee member Murray Wall of Beddington's," says Jim Merson, chair of the Temple Israel Auction Committee. "As well, Patsy Royer and Dick Zuker, among many committee members, have been instrumental in making this one of the best auctions ever."

This year's Temple Israel Champagne Auction will be held Tuesday, May 30, starting at 5:30 pm, at Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive.

Celebrity auctioneer will be "Stuntman Stu" from 106.9 *The Bear*. Emcee for the evening will be Lianne Laing, sports anchor and reporter on *A Channel*.

Born and raised in Ottawa, Laing is a former elite gymnast.

The champagne reception and food will be provided by Creative Kosher Catering.

Merson was approached by Temple Past President Jane Gordon to take on the chairmanship of the auction.

"I wanted to step up and give back to the Temple," says the territory manager at Network General. "I've managed many projects, but this is my first auction. The documentation from the past has been of significant benefit in laying the groundwork for this year."



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By Ariel Vered

There is something imposing about a 2,100 lb. stone bust, even if he is missing his nose.

The bust of the Nabataean storm god Dushara, the chief male deity of Petra, once graced the entrance of Qasr al-Bint, Petra's main temple.

Now, the sculpture, along with over 170 artifacts, is proudly displayed as part of *Petra: Lost City of Stone*, the travelling exhibition that recently took up residence at the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

"The exhibition examines one of the great cities of antiquity," said Dr. Victor Rabinovitch, president and chief executive officer, Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation.

Founded 2,000 years ago in the south of Jordan, Petra was a city carved out of the sandstone hills. While beautiful to behold, it also left the edifices vulnerable to the dangers of erosion and exposure to the elements.

The *Petra: Lost City of Stone* exhibition, which has travelled North America, assures that these priceless artifacts will be preserved for posterity.

Dr. Glen Marko, who has been curating this exhibi-



Statue of Victory (Amman) holding celestial disk with head of Tyche (Cincinnati). Khirbet et-Tannur, circa first century A.D.

tion for 11 years, took on the mission of bringing Petra and the Nabataeans to the shores of North Ameri-

ca. In these times of tension and crisis, "the message we hope to communicate is a peaceful cultural exchange

between the Middle East and the Western world," Marko asserted optimistically.

The showpiece of the exhibition is *Statue of Victory holding celestial disk with head of Tyche*, a first century A.D. statue that has been broken in two for over 1,500 years.

Until the exhibition's 2003 premiere at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, the two halves of the statue were located a world apart: the upper half in the collections of the Cincinnati Art Museum and the lower half in the collections of the National Archaeological Museum in Amman, Jordan.

Petra: Lost City of Stone reunites this important Nabataean statue of the goddess Nike, or Winged Victory holding aloft a disk with the bust of Tyche, the Nabataean goddess of good fortune, surrounded by the 12 symbols of the zodiac.

Once home to between 20,000 and 30,000 inhabitants, the city of Petra is truly a sight to behold. The challenge for *Petra: Lost City of Stone* lies in capturing the majesty of standing amongst the sandstone hills in a cluster of exhibition rooms.

'Jewish' Rembrandt lecture, May 18

(Continued from page 13)
The lecture on the 'Jewish' Rembrandt will examine questions concerning Rembrandt's associations with prominent Jewish philosophers and rabbis of the period, his use of Hebrew characters (some of which contain mistakes), the purportedly Jewish portraits

upon which he based his figures of Christ, and the extent to which his Jewish-titled works do or do not depict Jewish characters.

"Through the centuries, a rich weaving has grown, recording Rembrandt the painter mingling with Jewish philosophers and rabbis, accepting commissions from Jewish clients, attending Jewish weddings. But

what is fact and what is fiction? Come to the lecture and find out," says Rijk. "You won't be disappointed."

The lecture at the National Gallery is free admission.

For more information, please contact Anna Rijk of the Royal Netherlands Embassy (anna.rijk@minbuza.nl or 237-5030, ext. 233).

To achieve this, three side-by-side screens display views of Petra, panning up the grandiose 10-storey façades. The panoramic views truly lend an IMAX feel of monumentality to the exhibition.

The exhibition covers various facets of the Nabataean experience, including trade, religion, daily life, the period under Roman rule and Byzantine influences. Following the journey through ancient Petra, the exhibition offers a contemporary update of the city through *The Bedouin of Petra*, a selection of photo-

graphs taken by photo-journalist Vivian Ronay between 1986 and 2003.

The exhibition, organized by the Cincinnati Art Museum and the American Museum of Natural History, New York City, under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, captures the spirit of the lost city of Petra and the lost tribe of the Nabataeans.

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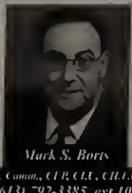
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I have had the pleasure over the past 8 and 1/2 years of looking through a window into the Jewish community of Ottawa and "kvelling" over everything I see. I received a true gift when I became President and COO, the unique and very fortunate chance to be a part of creating a brand new JCC for all to enjoy and make a part of their lives, at any and all points in their lives.

I have experienced this incredible Jewish campus as both a staff member and a community member. My personal and professional life and that of my family have completely been intertwined here, and I could not have appreciated that more. My children both went through Hillel Academy and graduated during my time here. My parents and aunt all resided at Hillel Lodge. My daughter's bat mitzvah and my son's bar mitzvah took place here. My children went to camp, got involved in BBYO, participated in the Maccabi Games and March of the Living, volunteered, and took after school programs. My mother-in-law wove my son's bar mitzvah talis here. My husband works out here and chairs our SJCC/Hillel Academy golf tournament. Our entire family in Ottawa is always around here for a variety of activities and events.

Many of you know that my car's licence plate says JCCAU, because all we do is for you, and we want the SJCC to be for everyone. But the truth is that I have received more in return than I could ever give, and I want to sincerely thank all of you for that. The people I have met, the experiences I have had and the differences that the SJCC has made in people's lives, including my own, can never be matched by anything else I do. How lucky my family and I have been to be a part of this. Thank you sincerely and I look forward to seeing you at the Soloway JCC!!

Linda Kerzner

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Ways to get out of the 'salad rut'

Have you ever noticed how salad always tastes better when someone else makes it?

I think that this is true for several reasons.

Firstly, food always seems to taste better if you don't have to be involved with the preparation and especially the clean up. Secondly, most of us are so pressed for time that it is so much easier to make the same salad night after night.

Who has the time to create new dressings and salad combinations?

I am constantly printing out new salad recipes from vari-

Basil-honey Dressing

My friend, Mrs. Chameleon, served this dressing for me when I had dinner at her home several months ago. She poured it on mesclun greens and added grape tomatoes and diced avocado.

The amazing flavour of this dressing haunted me for days. She gave me the recipe and now I keep a jar of this dressing in the fridge all the time. I especially love it on mixed greens, diced mango, avocado and toasted pecans.

1 cup basil leaves, packed
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
2 medium shallots, peeled and halved
1/2 cup unfiltered apple cider
1/4 cup honey
1/3 cup red wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

In a blender or food processor, combine the basil, olive oil and shallots and process until smooth.

Add apple cider, honey, red wine vinegar, salt and pepper and process for 1 more minute until dressing ingredients are well combined. Store in a glass jar in the fridge for up to 2 weeks.

ious web sites or clipping new ones from newspapers and magazines and filing them away, hoping to try them another day. Yet, when it's time to get dinner on the table and everyone has a busy schedule, there seems to be no time to look for and prepare these innovative salads. It's so much faster to open a bag of ready-washed salad greens and pour on your old standby dressing and call it salad.

Below are two recipes with really fresh and exciting flavours.

The first recipe uses an unusual ingredient I had never considered for use in salad dressing — unfiltered apple cider. It is available in large jugs at most fruit and vegetable

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Cindy Feingold

stores. I have seen it at Herb and Spice and Farm Boy. Do not substitute cider vinegar, apple juice or hard cider.

The salad dressing only uses a small amount of the cider so freeze the rest in 1/2 cup portions and then you will have it available when the urge hits.

Grilled Vegetable and Mache Salad with Asiago

My sister Bonnie created this salad. It has a lot of components, but is well worth the effort and time it takes to prepare!

Mache is a mild and tender leaf from the lettuce family. It is also known as corn salad or lamb's lettuce. It is available in specialty fruit and vegetable stores.

Boston lettuce makes a good substitute if mache is unavailable.

Serves 8

4-5 medium sized beets, trimmed but not peeled
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 pound asparagus, trimmed and peeled
(choose medium thick spears)
4 large Portobello mushrooms, stems removed
3 green zucchini, sliced lengthwise
into 3/4-inch thick slices
6 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon kosher salt
2 red bell peppers
2 yellow bell peppers

8 cups mache

For dressing:

1/3 cup pure maple syrup
3 tablespoons champagne or white wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/2 cup sunflower or safflower oil
salt and pepper to taste
4 ounces Asiago cheese, coarsely grated

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Tightly wrap beets in double layer of foil. Roast on a baking sheet until tender, about 1-1/2 hours. Cool until warm in foil package (the steam makes the beets easier to peel), about 30 minutes.

Slip skins from beets and cut in half. Cut beets into 1/4-inch thick slices and set aside.

Preheat gas grill on high for about 10 minutes. Place asparagus, mushrooms and sliced zucchini in large bowl and toss with 6 tablespoons olive oil and 1-tablespoon kosher salt.

Turn grill down to medium heat. Grill vegetables until golden brown and tender. Zucchini and asparagus will take about 5 minutes per side and mushrooms will take about 8 minutes per side. Remove vegetables and set aside to cool.

When cool, cut mushrooms in half and then into 1/4-inch slices. Cut zucchini into large chunks and cut asparagus, on the diagonal, into 1-inch lengths. Set aside.

Place red and yellow peppers on grill and cook, turning occasionally until peppers collapse, 10-20 minutes in total. Place peppers in a bowl and cover with plastic wrap.

Let cool and then peel, discarding skins, seeds and stems. Dice peppers into 1 inch pieces. Set aside.

Combine dressing ingredients in a glass jar and shake well to combine.

In a large bowl, toss mache with enough dressing to coat. Add all the vegetables and toss again. Add cheese and give one final toss.

Taste to see if more dressing or salt and pepper are needed. Serve.

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Israel: A modern solution to the Jewish question/problem

The history of European and Russian Jewry can, at best, be viewed as a recurring series of ups and downs.

The ups were periods of acceptance into a country's economic, social and cultural life.

The downs were periods of undisguised anti-Semitism affecting all aspects of a Jew's life. Jews experienced everything from marginalization through delegitimization, pogroms, expulsions and, ultimately, mass extermination.

During these down periods, Jewish existence became both a question and a problem. Jew-haters asked, "What will we do with the Jews?" Anxious Jews reframed that question as a problem demanding a solution. They asked, "What will become of us?"

One answer for hundreds of thousands of Jews, primarily from Russia and Eastern Europe, was emigration. When access was possible, Jews flocked to the United States and Canada.

Another answer, often called an impossibility, gradually began to emerge in the latter half of the 1800s. Slowly but surely, it gained advocates, adherents and support. That answer was Zionism. Its goal: the creation of a Jewish state in the land God had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob so very long ago.

Having recently celebrated Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day), we know the impossible dream came true. The State of Israel, as a Jewish homeland and political entity, was declared 58 years ago. It was immediately attacked by its Arab neighbours then, just as it is being threatened and attacked by Palestinian terrorists, financed by Arab states, now.

The following book tells the story of that second answer to the Jewish question/problem.



Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

ioned phrase, great power intrigue.

After a brief introduction, a chapter is devoted to each leader: Theodor Herzl, journalist, unlikely founder and first president of the World Zionist Organization; Chaim Weizmann, biochemist, Zionist statesman extraordinaire and, ultimately, the first president of the State of Israel; and David Ben-Gurion, pragmatic, on-the-ground socialist labor leader, political activist and Israel's first prime minister.

Each chapter has numerous blue-paged inserts, some textual but mostly photographic. In even more abbreviated form, the text inserts provide details that don't fit the flow of the narrative, but amplify the context for greater understanding. The photographs provide a sense of place and time.

While there is much that can be said about *A Promise Fulfilled*, I'll confine myself to a few observations.

One, it highlights the vast differences between Herzl, Weizmann and Ben-Gurion. Example: For Herzl, the primary goal of Zionism was the establishment of a homeland where Jews could be safe. Weizmann's goal was specifically the return to the ancient land of Israel. And Ben-Gurion's Zionism included a country built on socialist principles and practices.

Two, the book provides one of the best physical descriptions of the devastation that was Palestine before the waves of Jewish aliyah. It also describes the vastness of the task of turning this territory into a viable entity for large numbers of Jews, let alone a Jewish state promoting language, education, culture, etc.

Three, it illuminates some of the early problems between the arriving Jews and the resident Palestinians even though absentee landholders had sold land to the Jews. Later con-



Howard Greenfeld

From *A Promise Fulfilled*

cerns related to numbers of Jewish immigrants, rising Arab nationalism, support for German anti-Semitism, and Great Britain's pre- and post-Second World War vacillating.

Four, the sharp focus on these three leaders means that other thinkers and leaders, other strategies and proposed policies, and other political entities that had an impact on both the Zionist movement and the creation of the State of Israel are omitted. While that is understandable, it must be acknowledged with some regret.

Complete with a map of Palestine during the British mandate, timeline, reading list and index, *A Promise Fulfilled* is an important, relevant and concise starting point for an understanding of a turbulent, often muddled, period in modern Jewish history. Read it and read on.



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The beat of Jewish music

And now for something completely different: an occasional column on Jewish music. Called *Music Beat*, it will appear here and there throughout the year, in lieu of *Book Beat*. Just as there are so many good books out there, so, too, is there no shortage of good, Jewish music, and I hope to bring some of it to your attention.

What authorizes me to talk about music? I guess having studied vocal music many moons ago has given me somewhat of a foundation and, while I don't propose to be a musical expert, I have somewhat of an understanding of music history and theory.

It's all subjective, anyway, isn't it, music and literary appreciation? All I can do is present possibilities to you and let you know about the wonderful variety of Jewish music out there.

Amid the Jasmine: The Gerard Edery Ensemble
World Music, Judeo-Spanish, Sephardic, Jewish Music
(Store Rack Categories)
Approximately 46 minutes

Lush, rhythmic instrumentation with gorgeous virtuoso guitar-work and rich vocals are the ingredients here with the Gerard Edery Ensemble. Add the oud, or Arabic lute, the mandolin, violin, percussion and electric bass and you have a Sephardi/Mizrahi collection of old and new songs in Hebrew, Ladino, Spanish and Arabic.

There's so much to like about this CD. The selection of songs, for one. There are familiar ones for those of you who listen to Ladino music, like *Hijo Mia Querid* (My daughter, My dear) – a popular Ladino song recorded by many artists, a dialogue between a father and daughter, truncated in this collection. There's also *Kochav Tsedek* (Star of Righteousness), a Moroccan tune popularized by Emil Zrihan, a Jew who left Morocco for Israel and became a cantor for a synagogue in Ashkelon. Zrihan's rendition is more Arabic in influence and less Andalusian than Edery's.

Then there are Edery's own compositions: the haunting instrumental guitar solo, *Esperando* (which means waiting or expecting in Spanish), the folkier style of *Where Corals Lie* and the easy-listening rhythm of *El Galanteo*.

The arrangements are another pleasing element to this CD. They are melodic, exciting, pulsating. That's probably because of the strong Spanish influence, the Flamenco/Sephardic fusion. And then there are the capable musicians themselves: vocalists Neil Snaidas and Rex Benincasa (also the percussionist), electric bass player Sean Kupisz, Joey Wisenberg on mandolin, Meg Okura on violin, George Mardichian on oud, and bassist Emmanuel Mann.

Gerard Edery is the glue to this ensemble. A multi-talented musician, he is a classically trained baritone and the rich, deep timbre of his voice is distinctive in each of the vocal selections. But Edery is also an accomplished guitarist. And if



Kinneret Globerman

those two talents weren't enough, you can add musical arranger to the list. This CD ably illustrates all of those skills and demonstrates the artistry of this musician.

Achinoam Nini/Gil Dor: First Collection
Jewish Music: Popular, Collections, Female Collections
Approximately 68 minutes

She's sung with the likes of Sting and Stevie Wonder; performed at the Montreal Jazz Festival, in New York's Carnegie and Avery Fisher Halls and at the Vatican; appeared with the Israel and Philadelphia Philharmonic Orchestras.

She has a voice that readily lends itself to any type of music, whether folk, pop, Broadway, classical or Israeli. And she sounds darn good in any language – Spanish, German, French, Italian, Hebrew, English – bawing sung in all of them. In fact, her voice and talent is as stunning as she is.

Thirty-seven-year-old Achinoam Nini (or Noa, her musical moniker outside Israel), born in Tel Aviv of Yemenite parents and an American resident from the age of two to 17, is an immensely able-and versatile vocalist, and this collection of Hebrew songs with long-time musical partner, Gil Dor, gives you a taste of her talent.

It helps to read Hebrew if you want to know the titles of the songs and understand the lyrics in this CD; the accompanying liner notes and CD booklet are untranslated. But you don't need to know Hebrew to enjoy this collection. The first selection is the exquisite *Ha'choim Yofeem*, loosely translated as The Beautiful Life (or, Life is Beautiful) and newly released when this collection came out in March 2001. There are favourites here for those familiar with Nini: *Hee* (She), *Boker* (Morning), *Avot Ahava* (But Love); and newer ones like *Hoshtov Biladav* (The Autumn Without Him), written in memory of Yitzhak Rabin and previously unreleased before this CD was issued.

Much of the words and music of the songs were written by Nini and they are a delight to listen to. It's easy to see why this CD sold 10,000 copies in less than a week when it was first released!

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The changing face of Zionism

There are two key aspects to Zionism. One is the spiritual heritage of the longing for Zion. Inter-related with this is the modern movement of "practical Zionism" – the building and resettling of the land, the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 and its subsequent history.

For its entire history of little more than a century, political Zionism has struggled to exist. Only in the last decade has

Israel become increasingly recognized as a "normal" reality by most states, except for its most intransigent enemies.

An unrealized ideal is always easier to support and work for than a going concern that has to deal with a mass of conflicting day-to-day decisions. The unrealized ideal has more wiggle-room, more areas that can be left ambiguous by design or default.

Arguments can take place as to the shape of a future that has not yet come into being while, at the same time, the recognized dangers and difficulties of the present moment generally force a modicum of solidarity even among the bitterest disputants within an ideological movement.

Right from the start, there were a wide variety of approaches to Zionism. The Hebrew University's Dinar Center provides a selection of the main movements within Zionism; a more detailed interpretive essay is on the website of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).

But, despite ideological and practical disputes, the proponents of various approaches could co-exist and work together on the main goal as long as each could see the goal as a distant ideal whose details remained to be completed in a distant future, where issues that divided them might be decided.

From Ideal to Reality

Despite the difficulties of recent years, Israel's situation as a "going concern" has improved immeasurably over what prevailed a quarter-century ago. At the same time, internal changes and differences on how to address security issues, and what should be the policy balance between security and social progress, has led to much sharper disputes as to what the Zionist agenda means today.

The question of the meaning of Zionism to Jews in the Diaspora, long pushed to the background, is re-emerging as another dimension of the Zionist conundrum.

What happens to ideologies when situations change? To paraphrase Mannheim and other students of this phenomenon, four competing responses can emerge: (a) many people go into denial – they don't acknowledge any divergence between what they believe and what is occurring around them; (b) others who recognize there is a disconnect between reality and ideas become complete or partial skeptics; (c) some take refuge in the past, and



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try to recover a "golden age" as a focus for orientating to present problems; and (d) others become revisionists and redefine the problem and the belief-system they apply to it.

Something like this paradigm has been and may well be reflected in a plurality of Zionisms in the Diaspora countries and in Israel. In reviewing World Zionist Organization websites, as well as other sources, in advance of this year's World Zionist Congress, one can see that these questions are being seriously addressed.

The officially sponsored discussion (hopefully open to a variety of views both of the relevant questions and the possible answers) will develop in the Doing Zionism web-pages of the WZO. An unsigned document "Can There Be a Revival of Zionist Ideology Today?" has already been posted, beginning with the following challenging statement "... there is no Zionist ideology today."

The background to this issue can be seen in a number of sharply divergent essays that probably could be multiplied indefinitely. Three examples over the last 20 years or so give a taste of this debate.

One, dating from 1983, is a critical essay from a radical Jewish religious group *C'lat* that sees Zionism as having given way to excessive compromise and statism. Another MFA statement, presented at the Durbin racism conference in August, 2001, discusses two types of post-Zionism. Finally, for a different form of radical re-examination, take a look at doctoral student Zachary Levine's submission to the New Zionist discussion website.

Websites

Dinar: <http://www.hum.huji.ac.il/Dinur/>
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MFA: <http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/History/Modern+History/Centenary+of+Zionism/Zionist+Philosophies.htm>

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How I stopped being a 'vilde chaye'

A *vilde chaye* is a wild beast, a living being without any sense of right and wrong. That was me as a young boy. My transgressions occurred almost daily.

The kids in our neighbourhood had no compunction about breaking into M. Rawlinson Warehouse so we could play on their large wooden packing cases. We also climbed over the wire fences to play and climb in the transport trucks in their huge parking lot. You'd be surprised how much fun it is to be high up on a truck and pretend to stand on Mount Everest or to jump down into the backs of canvas-covered trucks filled with packing cloths.

We did run-by "fruitings" at Orlando's grocery by running by and taking an apple.

Sometimes we were more sophisticated. One of us would "accidentally" knock over a tray of fruit. Another, usually a girl, would go help Mr. or Mrs. Orlando pick up the fruit and a third would surreptitiously wander by, pick up an apple and pocket it. Presto, shared fruit for lunch.

We also stole fruit from the convent on Saint Joseph's, used the private tennis courts at Saint Michael's, stuck in to the handball courts at Saint Nicholas Seminary and shared stolen cigarettes behind the walls at Saint Basil's. Yet, even with all

the saints around us, I do not think our own sainthood was assured.

Blank guns, air rifles and pocket knives abounded. In the spring and summer, playing with knives, sitting facing each other with legs spread and firing the knife as close as possible to the other person's crotch seemed almost as enjoyable as computer games are today. Fortunately, I suffered no lasting injuries and I had already had my brit milah.

We hung around pop machines in gas stations and auto shops, waiting for the employees to be looking elsewhere and then, like a flash, we would swarm the machine, grab all the glass bottles and run off with shouts ringing in our ears. We traded the bottles in for two cents each and split the take. Somehow we thought we were rich.

To be part of the "gang," you had to take something from a store without paying for it. We practised our craft mostly in Kresge's, taking elastics, paper clips, cheap pens and balloons. I had no idea that I was doing anything wrong in a moral sense. I just knew that not getting caught was part of the excitement.

Who was the evil person who initiated me into this life of crime? My older brother, Sheldon. As he was forced to take

A post Passover report

We hope everybody had a great Passover, the week when large quantities of kosher for Passover gum, chips and chocolate bars are consumed. It's also the week when we go to school/work with matzah sandwiches instead of bread and get very odd looks. It's as if we're in a *Flintstones* episode, eating caveman-like sandwiches.

Paul's relatives came over and it was nice to know they read *Have a Knish*. They seemed concerned that details of the Seder would be released in the *OJB*. They signed privacy forms not to appear in this column. However, Byron noticed that the contracts were written on the back of Haggadahs and therefore aren't legally binding, so we're fine.

Paul's younger cousins have forced him into Mah Nishtana retirement. It's a great gig. The pension is fantastic and you can't beat the benefits. More wine, two matzah balls and even a back cushion. Hey, we're not getting any younger; have a knish!

However, this year Paul was thrown for a loop. His two young cousins were out of the country on the Mah Nishtana World Tour. Therefore, much like *American Idol*, Paul was voted back by the public and was this year's wildcard.

Things quickly turned disastrous. He couldn't get past the words "Mah Nishtana." Everyone was waiting for Simon Cowell to roast him and say in his British accent, "With that rendition of the Mah Nishtana, you make the Passover plagues look attractive."

Over at Byron's house, the topic of discussion is always about the wording in the Haggadah. As everyone's copy is from a different decade, the more current versions have vastly modernized English translations. Then some people add in their own interpretations. When it's time for the Four Sons, whoever is reading happens to have their name replace The Wise Son.

The answer to the four questions at Paul's house was nice, informative and, most importantly, brief. Each year, more pages of the Haggadah fall out, making the service quicker each time. The whole Haggadah is now only five pages long. Skipping right over the plagues, this is the happier version! It's the Choose Your Own Adventure: Passover Edition.

Doesn't putting your finger in the wine and placing a drop on your plate sound unhygienic? Imagine if someone put their fingers in your soup?

Does anyone else consider the *Dayenu* song a dangerous influence on kids? Die Die Anoo. Was it written by Eminem? With great lyrics and that catchy tune, it deserves to be a karaoke bar staple.

Paul's bubbie (bubbala) made delicious gefilte fish. Never dare critique a bubbie's gefilte fish. It's like her kryptonite.



Paul Telner

Byron Pascoe

Have
a
Knish

The meals at both our homes were delicious and compliments to Betty Telner and Carol Pascoe. Matzah meal usually makes food taste odd. This leads to what could be the modernized fifth question, "Why is this Passover brownie different from all other regular brownies?" Carol and Betty came through with flying matzahs and the whole meal, including the brownies, was amazing.

The Manishevitz wine was served on tap this year. On a related note, it was American college spring break. You think anyone was doing Manishevitz body shots?

Paul had a strategy to avoid having to help his parents with dishes and serving. Sandwiched between two older family members, there was no way he could get up to help. It would just be too inconvenient for everyone else. The Passover Miracle! Use this wisely, young knishes; it's a secret and a privilege.

Eliyahu got so much recognition thanks to his interview in our column that he is now in talks with Warner Brothers about a feature film based on his life. Eliyahu will be played by Robert Downey Jr.

We love the afikomen bit, but, as we get older, things change. Paul's family no longer hides it. This year, they put it in a napkin and left it on the table. It's like matzah to go. Over at Byron's house, his father Laurie hid it somewhere, but then forgot where. It's ready for next year.

The second night is the abbreviated version. Like *American Idol*, the first is the big event; everyone shows up, has their game face on, sings and eats. The second night is the results night. Someone gets voted out. The service was so fast that guests went through the Passover drive-thru window and ate the McSeder! "Ani ohev et zeh."

It was an enjoyable year recalling our people's past and now, looking into the future, we're off to Los Angeles and New York to find the best knish in the States. Until next time, have a knish!



**Humour me,
please**

Rubin Friedman

me everywhere and look after me, I, at a fairly early age, acquired the habits and talents of his circle of friends.

One day, while out walking with my father, we stopped into a "smoke shop" so he could buy some cigarettes. They also sold candy there and, while my father occupied the clerk, I just took a box of chocolate rosebuds and put them in my pocket.

Later, I took out the box and started to eat the chocolates. My father glanced down at me and did a double take. "Where did you get those?"

"At the store."

"How did you pay for them?"

"I didn't. I just took it."

Shock and dismay. "Who taught you to do things like that?"

"Shelley," I answered nonchalantly and without a moment's thought, reflecting my complete ignorance about the morality of stealing.

I soon learned. We marched back to the store, where my father made me apologize and paid for the chocolate. When we got home, my brother was not happy I had snatched from him and passed on his own brotherly lesson on the need to keep one's mouth shut. Morality came to me through the power of slaps.

I stopped being a *vilde chaye* and I learned the very important lessons that although you can be punished for transgressing the law, you can also suffer for telling the truth.

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BEFORE
May 12 ⚡ 8:05 pm
May 19 ⚡ 8:13 pm

JLI eight-week course, "From Sinai to Cyberspace, the development and relevance of Jewish Law" with Rabbi Menachem Blum. Info: 823-0866 or www.mjil.com.

WEDNESDAY
MAY 10
Ottawa Jewish Historical Society Lecture, with guest speaker Sarah Breiner, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 7:30 pm.

THURSDAY
MAY 11
Vered Israel Cultural & Educational Program presents "The Perils and Prospects of Proximity," lecture series with Dr. Henry Habib, 7:30 pm.

SUNDAY
MAY 14
Ottawa Jewish Film Society "Mamadrama," 2:00 pm.

TUESDAY
MAY 16
Chabad of Centrepointe and the SJCC, Lag Baomer Festival of Unity, Community Campus, Free admission, 4:00-8:00 pm.

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO, Evening with Lieutenant-General, the Honourable Romeo A. Dallaire, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 7:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY
MAY 17
Vered Israel Cultural & Educational Program presents "The Perils and Prospects of Proximity," lecture series with Dr. Henry Habib, 7:30 pm.

One Family and Israeli Bonds, An Evening With Survivors of terrorism, home of Myrna and Dr. Norman Barwin, 7:30 pm.
Mother Daughter Israeli Folkdancing, Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 7:00 pm.



THURSDAY
MAY 18
Royal Netherlands Embassy and National Gallery of Canada, "The Jewish Rembrandt," lecture to mark the 400th anniversary of the birth of Rembrandt, with Dr. Edward van Voolen, curator of the Jewish Historical Museum in Amsterdam, auditorium, National Gallery of Canada, 380 Sussex Drive, Admission free, 7:30 pm.

COMING SOON

THURSDAY, MAY 25
Emunah Women of Ottawa annual Mother-in-Israel celebration, Beth Shalom West Synagogue. Information and reservations, Rivka Kraus (241-5613).

SUNDAY, MAY 28
OTC celebrates welcoming of a new Torah. All are invited. Info: 823-0866 or OttawaTorahCenter.com.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7
Annual General Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, 7:00 pm.



SUNDAY, JUNE 25
16th annual Imre Y. Rosenberg Memorial Lecture with Michael Wex, Temple Israel, 7:30 pm.
Evening of Chassidic song and tales, honouring Cantor Moshe Kraus, SJCC, 7:30 pm. Ticket info: Jewish Youth Library (729-7252).

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